

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 2318

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DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. Ensuring clarity on a ballot is paramount.

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Jessie Carlson

Self

Corpus Chrsiti, TX

Vote yes. Its a good election law bill.

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Marlow Newton

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I believe that this bill is good to clarify and eliminate any confusion to voters. I support this bill.

Sincerely,

Marlow Newton

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Tommie Lee

Self Electrician

corpus christi, TX

Vote Yes! I agree with the content in HB 2318.

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Cinde Weatherby, Voting Rights/Election Law Ch.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin, TX

I offer these comments as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We support passage of HB 2197. Many local Leagues in the state provide a Voters Guide with information about not only local information directly submitted by candidates, but also local proposition basic facts. We have witnessed the confusing situation this bill remedies and thank the author for submitting it.

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Elizabeth Galiger

self. musician and teacher

Austin, TX

i was raised to believe democracy is a living thing, an action requiring citizen participation. a responsibility. i am in favor of everything that makes it easier for citizens to vote, from extended early voting, mail in and absentee voting, automatic voter registration, time off work to vote, etc. to be against these things is to be against the very concept of democracy. please do not make it more difficult or confusing by the way propositions are presented on the ballot.

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Chris Garrett

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Ballot organization is a key to voter understanding and clarity.

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Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes! Improves Election Integrity overall.

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Crisarla Houston, Esq.

Self, Attorney

Waco, TX

The Texas legislature's efforts to make it harder for Texans to vote are unconscionable and should cease. If changes are made to the voting procedures, those changes should go further to lift impediments to voting. Voting is a fundamental right in our democracy. Voters are watching you all over the state and nation. We will unite to vote you out of office if you support this egregious attack on voting rights. It is clear that your efforts to pass laws that make it harder for Texans to vote are aimed at people of color who do not typically vote Republican. This assault on Texans' voting rights for these baseless and unjust reasons will be remembered at the polls. Remove impediments to fair and impartial elections if you do anything to change Texas laws on voting. Cease this disgraceful effort to suppress votes, and accept that the will of the people will be expressed at the polls regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the people. Voters will become more educated and motivated to protect their interests at the polls. Voters will not be bullied or silenced. We have a right to vote and to participate in this representative democracy. Do not pass unjust laws to hinder our ability to vote. We are watching you and are ready to stand up for our right to vote every time the polls open. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing and stop all efforts to make it harder for Texans to vote. You have a moral obligation to do the right thing.

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KRISTIN HAYES, DR

SELF, TEACHER

San Antonio, TX

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Reuben Leslie

retired

Austin, TX

This bill addresses a real problem for voters and election administrators. As a past election judge for many years, I can say that the numbers and letters of propositions on the ballot for multiple jurisdictions in joint elections are often confusing, but the proposed change would not seem to help much because the letters would seem even more confusing and unexplained to the individual voter looking at the sample ballot. Why not change the requirement to have the jurisdiction name and a unique-to-that-jurisdiction number be assigned, skipping letters altogether, which could conceivably be all used up on some counties' ballots requiring turning to the Greek alphabet as hurricanes are named when that many letters are needed.

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Autumn Brown

Self / cert sub teacher

Friendswood, TX

I Support.

On a ballot with more than one political entity and with more than one proposition, it helps voters to be able to distinguish between the propositions by using a unique letter for each.

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